



Wayside Trail Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all the answers?

The Wayside Trail Scavenger Hunt is a game in which you have to find all of the answers to the clues on this list. If you can complete the list in one hour or less you will qualify for a Martin Van Buren National Historic Site "Super Scholar" certificate. If you finish your list in less than an hour bring it to the Visitor Center and present it to the Park Ranger there who will inspect it to see if you qualify as a Super Scholar. Remember to keep an eye on the time and carefully read and look at each wayside to see if you can spot the correct answers. Good luck!

Start time: _____

"Welcome"

Martin Van Buren is not the only president pictured on this wayside. There are seven more pictured here. List three of them:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

"Uncovering the past"

If you worked in the orchards at Lindenwald in the 1860's picking apples you would be paid with tokens for your work. A fruit picker would then go to a bank or other office to receive money in exchange for the token. What is the address where you would go to redeem the fruit token found buried near the north gatehouse foundation?

1. _____

"Lindenwald and Old Post Road"

President Van Buren named his house and farm "Lindenwald" after the linden trees that grow along Old Post Road. Linden trees have another name. What is the other name?

1. _____

"A House Transformed"

When President Van Buren decided to make changes to Lindenwald in 1849 he had an architect design the additions to the house. The man he hired was a very famous architect named Richard Upjohn. The President had a funny nickname for Upjohn. What was it?

1. _____

“Farmhand and Fishing”

Van Buren had two fish ponds built on his farm and had them stocked with fish. Name the three types of fish he had put in his ponds.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

“Farm Operations”

This wayside discusses Van Buren’s farm and one of the plants grown on the farm and also a building which was used as the farm office. How many feet can hops grow in one week? About what year was the farm office removed?

1. _____ 2. _____

“An Agrarian Lifestyle”

Agrarian is another word for farming. Martin Van Buren grew a variety of crops on his Lindenwald farm. List two of the crops Van Buren shipped down the Hudson River to New York City.

1. _____ 2. _____

“A Bustling Household”

When President Van Buren lived here his sons and their families often spent time here and there were frequently many guests visiting. Fortunately, Lindenwald is a large mansion. How many rooms are there in Lindenwald?

1. _____

“Fertile Political Ground”

Throughout his 40-year career as a politician Van Buren conducted many election campaigns. How many times did he run for the presidency from this house?

1. _____

“Soil Improvers”

The name soil improvers was given to farmers like President Van Buren who wanted to others to take better care of the land so that food could continue to be grown on it in the future. Many soil improvers read a newspaper or journal called *The Cultivator*. What was the motto of *The Cultivator*?

1. _____

“A farmer in my native town...”

There were apple and pear orchards near where this wayside is located. Name one of the types of apples that were grown at Lindenwald.

1. _____

End time: _____

Bonus question: If you are able to find the name of Martin Van Buren’s horse you will receive ten minutes extra time to complete the scavenger hunt and qualify for a Junior Ranger badge. HINT: The name is on another wayside NOT listed above.

1. _____